

**Sauk Creek Bridge**

HAER No. WI-40

On Access Road (Meyer Lane)  
over Sauk Creek in Port Washington Harbor  
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Ozaukee County  
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PHOTOGRAPHS

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Washington Harbor (Section 28, Town 11N, Range 22E)  
Port Washington,, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

Date of Construction:

Builder/Designer:

Present Owner:

Present Use: Pedestrian bridge

Significance: The Sauk Creek Bridge is Wisconsin's only known example  
of a metal, king-post truss bridge.

Historian: Lola Bennett  
Wisconsin Historic Bridges Recording Project  
Summer 1987

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Style: King-post pony truss

Material of Construction: Truss: metal  
Deck: wood  
Abutments: concrete  
Connections: riveted and bolted

Shape and Dimensions: Single king-post span - triangular  
Length - 42 feet 3 inches  
Width - 12 feet 5 inches

Exterior Features: Upper chords - double upright channels tied with cover plates and V-lacing  
Lower chords - double angles tied with batten plates at mid-panel  
Verticals - back-to-back angles bolted to a tie plate which is riveted to the floor beam  
Stringers and floor beams - rolled I-beams  
North end bearings - fixed  
South end bearings - slide plate expansion

OTHER INFORMATION

The Sauk Creek Bridge was moved to its present site, ca. 1925.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

P-45-714 Truss-Bridge Intensive Survey (1986), Wisconsin Department of Transportation Files, Madison.